

Khedive, Colonel Cuthbert, of the army of occupation, and Judge Tuck, American judge of the mixed court of appeals.

Bodies of Cheney and Wife Lie Under Tons of Debris

The bodies of Consul Arthur S. Cheney and his wife probably never recovered from the ruins at Messina, according to information communicated to the State Department today by Ambassador Griscom. He says in his dispatch:

"After Consul Lupton writes January 1—Practically impossible to telegraph from Messina. A mass of ruins. Bodies of consul and wife buried under tons of debris, necessitating a week's work of 200 men to excavate. Only 10-20 people in Messina who are leaving gradually."

Ambassador Griscom adds: "Cutting and Landis telegraph that the only private Americans in Messina on December 28, were Mr. and Mrs. Fober, whose fate is unknown."

The Americans referred to in the dispatch are evidently Mr. and Mrs. James J. Fober, of whom inquiry was made at the State Department by Mrs. Emma B. Sampson, of Keen Mills, Me.

Fleet Leaves Port Said To Help Quake Sufferers

PORT SAID, Jan. 6.—Part of the American fleet sailed today for the quake-devastated region of Sicily and Calabria. The ships had hoped to get away last night, but were delayed in loading.

The Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas, and Minnesota will go immediately to Naples and proceed to Messina. After quelling the quake zone the Connecticut, Admiral Sperry's flagship, will go to Nice and the Vermont to Ville Franche. It is reported that Admiral Sperry may visit Paris before returning to America. The itinerary of the fleet will depend largely on the needs of the Italian sufferers. Until it is seen whether other battleships will be needed, and how long the four now en route will be detained in the relief work, all itineraries will be tentative.

MANY WOULD JOIN COMMERCE CHAMBER

Board of Directors Will Vote Upon Forty Applications Today.

More than forty applications for membership in the Chamber of Commerce will be voted upon at the monthly meeting of the board of directors this afternoon. Secretary Grant stated today that a large number of applications had been received since the first of the year, and that there seemed to be a general desire on the part of business men who are unidentified with the Chamber to become members at once. Nominations for the board of directors closed last night, and campaigning in the interest of the various candidates is expected to be considerably in evidence from now on.

Last year at this time there were thirty vacancies to fill on the board of directors and fifty-seven nominations were made. The fact of there being only ten vacancies this year with thirty-two nominations is taken as an evidence of the increased interest which is being taken in the work of the Chamber. The candidates who will be finally voted upon are the following:

George E. Walker, Lewis E. Bruening, D. S. Porter, Appleton P. Clark, Jr., A. Lettich Shindler, Joseph Strasser, Joseph J. Weller, Charles J. Bell, Samuel S. Shedd, F. W. Mackenzie, Hugh F. Harvey, William E. Shannon, Albert Schulteis, Ernest H. Daniel, J. C. Ergood, H. C. C. Stiles, W. S. Corby, Capt. James P. Oyster, John Mitchell, Jr., Fred J. Colden, A. B. Graham, W. B. Hardy, R. Golden Donalson, Harry King, C. C. Swartz, G. B. Farquhar, Joseph Richardson, John C. Jost, George W. White, Robert N. Harper, Joseph I. Saks, and William H. Walker.

GUILTY OF KILLING AGED GRANDFATHER

BRIDGETON, N. J., Jan. 6.—Walter Zeller was convicted today of murder in the first degree for the killing of his aged grandfather, William Reid. Clem Wheeler and Herbert Griggs, named by Zeller as his accomplices in the crime, will be tried, in order, on first degree indictments.

ARRANGING FUNERAL OF GENERAL COTTON

Prominent Member of District Bar Formerly Represented Government Before Court of Claims.

Arrangements will be made tonight for the funeral of Gen. John B. Cotton, formerly Assistant Attorney General of the United States, who died suddenly last night at his home, 1355 Euclid street northwest. Acute dilatation of the heart was the cause given by Dr. A. K. P. Harvey, the family physician, who was summoned when General Cotton was stricken. He died in the arms of Mrs. Cotton before the physician's arrival. General Cotton was one of the most prominent members of the Washington bar. He was born in Woodstock, Conn., August 2, 1841, and received his education at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. From 1863 to 1883 he was Assistant Attorney General of the United States, and had charge of all the Government work in the Court of Claims.

For some years he was a member of the law firm of Fry, Cotton & White, of Lewiston, Me., but took up private practice here when he retired from public office in 1883. Until three months ago he was a member of the firm of Cotton & White.

General Cotton was a member of the Cosmos and University Clubs, and was prominently identified with the Congregational church. A widow, Mrs. Amanda G. Lewis Cotton, and a daughter, Mrs. M. Carlisle, of New Jersey, survive him.

RATS CAUSE GREATER LOSS THAN DOES FIRE

Agricultural Department Estimates Damage Here From Rodents to Be \$400,000 in Year—Extermination a Grave Problem, Involving Many Experiments.

Exceeding the total loss from fire by more than \$100,000, rats destroyed property valued at \$400,000 in Washington last year, according to a statement issued by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. A majority of the rodents in the District have become so tough that several of the more popular brands of poison only serve to whet their appetite for costly merchandise. They laugh at strychnine, eat "Rough-on-Rats" with a keen relish, and from experiments conducted by the department it has been proved that no known method has much effect in exterminating them.

Experiments with various poisons and mechanical means of destruction have been made during the year, and a full report on the subject with recommendations will soon be issued by the department.

Can't Be Estimated.

"The rat continues to cause great losses throughout the United States," says Secretary Wilson. "During the last year an attempt was made to approximate the damage done to property by this rodent in the cities of Washington and Baltimore. Many business men were interviewed, including dealers in various kinds of merchandise, feeders of horses, managers of hotels and restaurants, and manufacturers. 'Data was obtained from about 600 firms and individuals, from which it was estimated the annual loss in Washington is about \$200,000, and in Baltimore upward of \$100,000. Assuming, as is probable, that similar conditions obtain in all our cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, the damage by rats in these centers of population totals a direct loss of \$300,000 annually."

"The rat continues also to excite grave apprehension because of its agency in distributing the dreaded Bubonic plague and other diseases," continues the report. "Boards of health and the Marine Hospital Service, in several of our maritime cities have been prosecuting active warfare against the rodents, and large sums have been expended in efforts to effect their extermination."

Hard Work Only.

"No one method has proved adequate, and only by concentrated, systematic and persistent efforts is it possible to reduce and keep down their numbers. The rat-proof construction of buildings, the constant use of traps, and the use of poisons wherever possible will go far toward assuring public safety."

"Several bacterial cultures for the extermination of rats and mice are on the market, and numerous experiments have been undertaken with a view of fully testing the claims made for them, especially the degree of commercial safety. When the culture is fresh and the vitality of the organism is unimpaired a large percentage of the rats eating infected bait sicken and die. This far, however, our experiments have not proved that the disease produced by the cultures is contagious. On the contrary, it appears to be limited solely to the individual rodent eating the bait."

"Hence the cultures appear to possess little or no advantage over strychnine or other poisons, the cost of which is much less and the certainty of operation much greater."

LOCAL RELIEF FUND IS ALREADY \$11,000

Employees of Bureau of Engraving and Printing Give Second \$500.

The fund being raised by the District Red Cross Society for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers today reached the \$11,000 mark. The contributions received today alone reached \$750.

Howard S. Reeside, the treasurer, received late this morning the second contribution of \$500. It comes from the employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, making to date a total contribution from them of \$1,000.

Contributions received since last reported follow:

James G. Hill.....	\$10.00
Cash.....	5.00
Southern Manufacturers' Club.....	5.00
H. Randall Webb.....	10.00
Mrs. R. W. Keyser.....	5.00
John West.....	10.00
Charles A. Richardson.....	25.00
Laura S. Richardson.....	25.00
Cash.....	5.00
Andrew Dunlop.....	5.00
Cash.....	5.00
James Hicks.....	5.00
C. H. S.....	2.00
Subscriptions received by Evening Star.....	20.75
Wm. H. Schuler.....	1.00
Mrs. William S. Linn.....	2.00
National Council of Jewish Women.....	50.00
Thomas Nelson Parsons.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hallam.....	2.00
Sabbath School Children Washington Hebrew Congregation.....	10.00
N. S. Siskin.....	10.00
Mrs. James R. Garfield.....	10.00
Dr. Robert Reymann.....	20.00
George H. Dana.....	10.00
M. Phillipsborn & Co.....	25.00
J. E. J.....	10.00
Evelyn McChesney.....	10.00
Annie M. Clephane.....	10.00
Ella C. Clephane.....	10.00
Bertha S. Henderson.....	10.00
A. Engel.....	1.00
Margaret L. Engel.....	1.00
William H. McKewen Co.....	10.00
Lottie M. Koon.....	10.00
J. J. Gleason.....	10.00
E. L. Pettit.....	20.00
Allice J. Clapp.....	20.00
Charles E. Snow.....	20.00
George A. and William B. King.....	20.00
Elise Cassels.....	10.00
Cash.....	2.00
Mrs. Sarah E. Guebert.....	5.00
M. Foster.....	2.00
Mrs. L. C. Graten.....	1.00
Paul Hirsch.....	.75
Cash.....	.75
Anonymous—received at Postoffice.....	7.00
Charles S. Lester.....	10.00
Cash.....	10.00
Employees Bureau Engraving and Printing.....	\$60.00

WOMAN FORFEITS BAIL

Mrs. Blanche Biddell, of 811 D street northwest, this morning forfeited \$5 collateral for violation of the pure food and drug act. It is alleged that she sold a quantity of adulterated milk.

INTERESTING FACTS Food Knowledge on the Farm.

With the Rural Free Delivery of mail, the farmer is as closely in touch with what is going on in the world, as his city brother.

What to eat, in order to get the best out of one's brain and body, is as important for the modern farmer as the manufacturer, business man or professional worker. An Illinois farmer writes:

"I am a farmer and was troubled with chronic indigestion for two years—suffered great agony and could find no permanent relief from medicines. 'A friend suggested that I quit using so much starchy foods, which are the principal cause of intestinal indigestion. I began to use Grape-Nuts and have continued with most gratifying results. 'Grape-Nuts food has built me up wonderfully. I gained 6 lbs., the first four weeks I used it. My general health is better than before. My brain is clear, my nerves strong."

"For breakfast and dinner I have Grape-Nuts with cream, a slice of crisp toast, a soft boiled egg and a cup of Postum. My evening meal is made of Grape-Nuts and cream, alone."

"This diet gives me good rest every night and I am now well again."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-being," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

NEAR-ZERO WEATHER ON DECK TOMORROW

Forecast Is For Continued Cold Until Close of Week. No Snow.

(Continued from First Page.)

The eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, where snow for a day or two is expected.

Zero Weather Swoops Down On Chicago Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The wave of zero that swept down upon the Northwest yesterday is here today, and by tonight, the local weather bureau says, it will be felt on the Atlantic coast. By tomorrow all the country east of the Rockies and north of the Gulf States will be in the grasp of the coldest spell of the winter.

This morning a decline of 20 degrees since yesterday afternoon. The extreme cold is accompanied by light snow flurries, and is causing intense suffering. The city health department is taking steps to care for the destitute.

The blizzard that has been raging during the past thirty-six hours in Minnesota and the Dakotas has cut Chicago off from wire communication with those States since early in the day.

The weather bureau here declares the cold will increase in intensity during the day and remain for probably two days longer.

Headaches and Neuralgia From Colds LAXATIVE REMEDY. The cold, the cold and Grip remove cause. Call for full name. Look for signature E. W. Grove.

Died

FRANKLIN—On Wednesday, January 6, 1909, at 10 a. m. JOHN C. FRANKLIN, son of Samuel L. and Kate Jackson Moore of Waterford, London county, Va., in his thirty-first year.

Funeral at Waterford, Va., Thursday, January 7, at 10 a. m.

WALTER—On Wednesday, January 6, 1909, at 10 a. m. EMMA R. WALTER, beloved wife of R. S. Walter.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

RANDALL—Tuesday, January 5, 1909, at 11:30 a. m. ELIZABETH R. RANDALL, youngest daughter of the late Capt. C. S. and Louise Randall.

Funeral from her late home, 3228 R street northwest, tomorrow, Thursday, at 9:30 a. m. Requiem mass at St. Paul's Church. Relatives and friends are invited.

McCAULEY—At 6 a. m., on January 5, 1909, at his residence, 229 B street southeast, after a prolonged illness, HENRY C. McCAULEY.

Funeral arrangements announced later.

COOGLLE—Suddenly, January 1, 1909, ANNA COOGLLE, beloved mother of Virgil T. Cogglle, and sister of Laura P. and Mary Scott, and William Jones, of Beltsville, Md. A loving one from us has gone.

A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our hearts. Which never can be filled.

—By Her Son Virgil.

Funeral from 3111th Church, corner 3rd and 11th streets, at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday, Thursday, at 10 o'clock p. m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. (New York city, Mr. Clair, N. Y., and Norfolk, Va., papers please copy.)

In Memoriam.

McGUIRE—In remembrance of our first beloved pastor, JOSEPH I. McGUIRE, who died one year ago tomorrow, January 7, 1908. Requiem mass at the Church of the Holy Comforter tomorrow, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and the unveiling of the memorial tablet, which has been erected in his memory in the church in the evening at 8 o'clock. The clergy, societies and friends are invited to attend both services and to help defray the cost.

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25c Cambric Corset Covers, with V necks, trimmed with Hamburg embroidery.....	17c	30c Cambric Gowns, with V necks, trimmed with four rows of Hamburg insertion, tucking, and lace edge.....	79c
50c Nainsook Corset Covers, elaborately trimmed with rows of tuckings, lace, heading, and ribbon.....	29c		
25c Muslin Drawers.....	17c	\$1.50 Petticoats.....	98c
Soft, smooth muslin put together to stay. Made with French bands and deep hemstitched cuffs and hems. Two to a customer.	17c	Twenty-five styles of these fine skirts, all of best materials and workmanship. Embroidered, flounced and flounced trimmed with rows of lace.....	
Muslin Drawers, with French bands and deep hemstitched cuffs and hems, finished with double row of hemstitched tucks.....	29c	25c Petticoats, with 15-inch embroidery ruffles, in many beautiful patterns, or flounces trimmed with four bands of lace and a deep edge to match.....	\$1.19



Laces and Embroideries

15c Cambric Embroideries.....	10c	25c Swiss and Cambric Embroideries.....	15c	39c Flouncings and Corset Cover Embroideries.....	25c	50c All-over Embroideries.....	29c
5,000 yards of excellent quality Embroideries, consisting of edges and insertions in many widths. Great range of pretty patterns, all carefully executed. Grounds are soft, smooth cambric; yard 10c.		More styles of work than we ever offered in embroidery at 15c. Blind, eyelet, effects of Swiss and cambric, deep, elaborate designs, on grounds of sheer swiss or cambric. You'll be surprised at the excellent qualities; yard 15c.		Beautiful novelties in sheer, fine swiss and cambric. Beyond question the most exquisite qualities ever sold for so little. All the popular kinds of work, deep, heavy patterns in boundless varieties; yard, 25c.		Wide all-over embroideries of sheer, dainty swiss, patterned in scores of artistic effects. Openwork and blind styles, with heavy, elaborate work or light designs; yard 25c.	
French and German Valenciennes laces, comprising hundreds of new patterns. Edges and insertions are matched. Dozen, 25c; yard.....	3c	French and German Val Laces of best quality and workmanship. Choice of round mesh and filet effects in big variety. Dozen, 60c; yard.....	4c	Exquisite Val Laces fresh from the lace centers of France and Germany. Matched sets in a boundless range of filet and round mesh styles, dozen, 85c; yard.....	8c		

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H. D. CRAMPTON, Secretary.

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